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FM AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

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INFO AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPIAN

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OPERATE SCHEDULED SERVICES. THESE RIGHTS WILL CONTINUE IN FORCE UNTIL A ROUTE SCHEDULE TO THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT IS ESTABLISHED AND BECOMES EFFECTIVE. THE GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS, HOWEVER, MAY WITHDRAW ANY OR ALL OF THESE RIGHTS IF THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THE ROUTE SCHEDULE TO SUCH AGREEMENT, FAIL TO REACH A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME OF THEIR COMMENCEMENT".

THE BARBADOS GOVERNMENT WISHES TO MAKE CLEAR THAT, IN ITS VIEW, THE ROUTE - BARBADOS/ANTIGUA/WASHINGTON AND RETURN - IS NOT EQUIVALENT IN VALUE TO THE ROUTES TO BE GRANTED TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AS SET OUT ABOVE.

THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF BARBADOS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION."

2. COMMENT: GOB ASSERTS THAT ITS ACCEPTANCE OF A ROUTE MUCH LOWER IN VALUE THAN THOSE ACCORDED TO U.S. MUST BE BALANCED BY RE-ADJUSTING PRESENT SITUATION. THEREFORE, GOB NOW PROPOSES ELIMINATION OF ENTIRE MIAMI-SAN JUAN-ANTIGUA-BRIDGETOWN ROUTE NOW HELD BY PAA AND BY WITHDRAWAL OF EXISTING TRAFFIC RIGHTS BETWEEN PORT OF SPAIN AND BRIDGETOWN ON NEW YORK ROUTE, ALSO  
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ASSIGNED TO PAA. BOTH ACTIONS ARE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1974. ARCHER

REITERATED PREVIOUS GOB POSITION (REFTEL (A) THAT MAIN OBJECTIVE  
IS AN

INTERIM ROUTE READING BARBADOS-ANTIGUA-POINT  
IN BAHAMAS-WASHINGTON.

3. PAA REP. HEWINS NOW BEEN INFORMED OF CONTENTS OF NOTE.  
PAA REP. INFORMED EMBASSY THAT IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS NEITHER  
FORDE NOR ARCHER HAVE GIVEN ANY INDICATION THAT TROUBLE WAS  
IMMINENT.

4. GOB PROPOSALS DO NOT AFFECT EASTERN'S TEMPORARY PERMIT  
TO OPERATE BRIDGETOWN-PORT OF SPAIN. ARCHER, WHEN ASKED BY  
EMBOFF ABOUT RENEWAL, IMPLIED THAT GOB WOULD NOT CONSIDER RENEWAL  
UNTIL WIDER QUESTIONS OF ROUTE CHANGES WERE DECIDED. NEVERTHE-  
LESS, EMBASSY AGREES THAT IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO SEEK RENEWAL  
OF TEMPORARY PERMIT TO ENSURE THAT GOB IS AWARE OF IMPORTANCE  
WE ATTACH TO EASTERN'S AUTHORITY AND WE PLAN SUBMIT NOTE TO THIS  
EFFECT, COPY TO DEPARTMENT, ON JUNE 4 UNLESS ADVISED OTHERWISE.  
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